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that time brought down the prisoner with the aid of his mother and attempted to render first-aid. The prisoner did not revive but died soon afterwards.

"(*b*) The prisoner was aged 21 years. According to the medical officer who conducted the post-mortem examination, the body was that of a well-nourished, well-built adult. It must therefore be presumed that at the time when he was locked up, he must have been in a normal physical condition.

"(*c*) The post-mortem certificate disclosed that there were thirteen external injuries consisting of abrasions and contusions on the body.

"(*d*) The Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, held an enquiry into the cause of death of the prisoner as required by the Police Standing Order No. 157. He came to the finding that the prisoner must have died as a result of his having been beaten by Police Constable No. 1833. He also found that the Police had made it appear that the prisoner committed suicide by hanging himself. Police Constable No. 1833 was therefore charged with having committed an offence under section 302, Indian Penal Code (murder) and the case against him was tried by the Sessions Judge, Vellore. The Sessions Judge found him guilty under section 325, Indian Penal Code (grievous hurt), convicted him under that section and sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for four years.

Departmental action is being taken against the Sub-Inspector of Police and the head constable and some other Police constables who were attached to the station at that time on account of certain irregularities that came to light during the enquiry by the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Apart from the report of the post-mortem examination, is there a separate report by the Personal Assistant to the Collector regarding the causes of death and as to whether the Sub-Inspector or anybody else in charge of the station at that time was present at the time of the torture or not? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The whole matter has been tried by a proper court and sentences have been awarded. As far as the officers are concerned, we are taking departmental action."

Absorption of Rural Welfare Officers in the National Extension Service Scheme.

* 1146 *Q*.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Rural Welfare Officers have been absorbed in the National Extension Service Scheme; and

(*b*) their scales of pay, before and after absorption?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) All the eighteen Rural Welfare Officers have been absorbed in the National Extension Service Scheme.

" (b) Before absorption under the National Extension Service, their scale of pay was Rs. 150—5—200. Eight of the Rural Welfare Officers were absorbed as Social Education Organizers in the scale of Rs. 90—3—120—5—200 and the remaining ten as Block Development Officers (Gazetted) in the scale of Rs. 230—20/2—310—30/2—400."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know how many of them are women? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid none of them is a woman."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Deaths due to electric shock in the Electricity department.

12 noon. * 1147 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths of employees in the Electricity department due to the electric shock during the last three years; and

(b) the compensation, or other relief, if any, granted in those cases?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-six.

" (b) Compensation was given in all the 26 cases and the total amount of compensation paid was Rs. 41,010."

Alleged missing of a child from the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur.

* 1148 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the circumstances under which a four-day old child was found missing late in the night on 18th March 1954, from its place in the maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, and was found later lying dead outside the ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A four-day old female baby who was lying in between her mother and grandmother in the verandah of the Maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, was found missing at about 3-15 a.m. on the 19th March 1954. Only a few minutes back the Maternity assistant of the hospital noticed the mother breast-feeding the baby. Immediately after the baby was found missing, a search was made and the baby was recovered alive